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## Shipping Weight and Value Customs District and Continent



This report presents statistics on U.S. exports and imports by air in U.S. customs district-by continent arrangement. Data have been compiled from Shipper's Export Declarations (Commerce Form 7525-V) and import entries during the regular processing of statistical data on foreign trade shipments. The customs districts shown in this report are those having combined exports and imports by air valued at \$2 million or more during the preceding calendar year. A complete list of customs districts and ports is presented in Schedule D, Classification of U.S. Customs Districts and Ports for U.S. Foreign Trade Statistics, January 1, 1970 edition, as amended.

### Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government and nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments, shipments for economic assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 (The Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to U.S. Armed Forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the U.S. export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post, and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

For security reasons, certain commodities are designated as Special Category commodities, for which security regulations place restrictions upon the export information that may be released. The data shown in this report for individual customs districts and continents exclude exports of Special Category commodities, but overall shipping weight and value totals for Special Category commodities are shown. A list of Special Category commodities may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census.

Effective September 1970, sampling procedures have been reinstituted for estimating data on shipments valued \$251-\$499 to countries other than Canada. (Data for such shipments were fully compiled during January-August 1970, but sampling procedures were in effect for these shipments during October-December 1969 and for shipments valued \$100-\$499 prior to October 1969.) Therefore, effective September 1970, the statistics on exports of domestic and foreign merchandise to countries other than Canada reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued \$500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued \$251-\$499, based on a 50-percent probability sample of such shipments. For exports to Canada there has been no change in compiling procedures and the statistics continue to reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued \$2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued \$251-\$1,999, based on a 10-percent probability sample of such shipments. Shipping weight and value data are also estimated for shipments valued under \$251. These estimates are not included in the data shown for individual customs districts.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low-valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. The following is a rough guide to the general level of sampling variability of value totals, on a 2 chances out of 3 basis. Usually, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors.

Value totals for "Total" and "North America" of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of:			
	under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%
\$1,000,000 and over	.60	.75	.85	1.00
\$500,000-\$1,000,000	.20	1.00		
\$100,000-\$500,000	.30	.45	.70	1.00
\$20,000-\$100,000		.35	.70	1.00
Cells of under \$20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from \$3,000 to \$15,000			

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
\$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
\$100,000-\$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
\$20,000-\$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under \$20,000	Generally \$500 to \$5,000
Cells of \$0	Generally less than \$500

The sampling variability of shipping weight figures, in percentage terms, can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

#### Imports

These statistics represent general imports, which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption

and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the U.S. Armed Forces for their own use are excluded. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and with U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be U.S. imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The statistics shown for individual customs districts represent fully compiled data for shipments valued \$251 and over. Data for shipments valued under \$251, reported on formal and informal entries (informal entries generally contain items valued under \$251), are estimated from a 1-percent sample. Separate shipping weight and value estimates for shipments valued under \$251 are shown. The shipping weight data are estimated from the values on the basis of constants that have been derived from an observation of the value-weight relationships in past periods.

Since the statistics showing total value of imports by all carriers include sample estimates, they are subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Value totals of \$500,000 and over will generally have a sampling variability of less than 3 percent; value totals of under \$500,000 will generally have a sampling variability of less than \$50,000.

Table 1. Selected Customs Districts of Lading by Continent

(Data shown represent domestic and foreign merchandise. Shipments of Special Category commodities are excluded from all district and continent data. Estimated shipments valued under \$251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)										Value (1,000 dollars)				
	Total					All carriers					Total				
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	U.S. flag carriers		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania
<b>Total, all carriers...</b>	69,166	(X)	17,698	7,299	32,858	7,811	1,540	1,378	502,298	(X)	68,183	33,491	273,506	92,657	13,090
<b>U.S. flag carriers....</b>	24,216	(X)	6,697	2,479	10,949	2,960	557	323	178,211	(X)	30,673	9,193	89,116	35,117	4,148
<b>St. Albans, Vt.....</b>	9	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	51	51	-	-	-	240	201
<b>St. Albans, N.H.....</b>	1,941	1,993	308	4	1,578	17	23	10	18,325	9,646	1,307	54	16,282	-	-
<b>Buffalo, N.Y.....</b>	194	124	124	70	70	-	1	-	4,985	1,197	1,197	-	3,768	-	3
<b>New York City, N.Y.....</b>	29,561	9,391	2,531	1,705	3,636	184	869	181	250,117	77,976	15,402	12,861	175,935	38,434	5,753
<b>Philadelphia, Pa.....</b>	501	266	55	3	315	116	(Z)	(Z)	8,275	3,273	299	25	5,966	1,851	10
<b>Baltimore, Md.....</b>	39	39	28	-	8	2	-	1	233	233	90	-	126	14	-
<b>Savannah, Ga.....</b>	45	1	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Tampa, Fla.....</b>	316	78	302	5	7	(Z)	-	2	1,137	7	129	36	66	1	-
<b>New Orleans, La.....</b>	202	62	202	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	(Z)	491	234	474	14	1	-	2
<b>Laredo, Tex.....</b>	53	53	53	-	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	225	225	221	1	123	-	-
<b>El Paso, Tex.....</b>	43	33	40	-	3	-	-	-	264	122	141	-	-	-	-
<b>Nogales, Ariz.....</b>	4,100	1,688	787	144	1,931	1,246	251	42	48,123	13,831	6,470	1,358	18,298	18,863	2,482
<b>Los Angeles, Calif.....</b>	2,008	940	262	102	251	961	422	8	31,531	10,842	1,610	370	3,060	20,437	5,902
<b>San Francisco, Calif...</b>	42	18	-	-	23	1	-	-	223	223	91	-	-	11	-
<b>Portland, Ore.....</b>	605	394	236	5	131	221	4	8	8,639	5,419	2,247	50	2,423	3,793	24
<b>Seattle, Wash.....</b>	7	1	1	-	5	1	-	-	105	817	50	-	54	47	-
<b>Albany, N.Y.....</b>	285	208	15	-	11	72	187	-	1,445	302	302	-	101	853	441
<b>Honolulu, Hawaii.....</b>	45	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	302	4	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Great Falls, Mont.....</b>	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Pembina, N. Dak.....</b>	140	140	66	-	15	-	59	(Z)	2,326	2,324	893	-	261	-	1,169
<b>Minneapolis, Minn.....</b>	15	15	15	-	-	-	-	-	10	10	10	-	-	-	2
<b>Duluth, Minn.....</b>	1,284	216	216	1	1,077	13	4	13	6,149	5,424	1,276	23	4,642	39	14
<b>Detroit, Mich.....</b>	2,302	1,377	1	3,175	372	3	171	39,367	18,619	10,006	10	24,702	3,797	11	154
<b>Chicago, Ill.....</b>	275	194	-	-	23	2	56	-	1,501	375	1,312	-	139	2	48
<b>Cleveland, Ohio.....</b>	4	4	-	-	(Z)	-	-	-	24	24	23	-	1	-	-
<b>St. Louis, Mo.....</b>	725	533	649	24	7	-	-	46	1,437	1,025	1,089	136	197	-	14
<b>San Juan, P.R.....</b>	10,319	4,804	5,676	4,510	104	23	3	127	33,045	14,074	13,384	16,194	1,206	178	68
<b>Miami, Fla.....</b>	611	272	244	1	141	97	-	127	4,754	2,389	1,433	17	2,734	822	74
<b>Houston, Tex.....</b>	474	137	6	58	402	7	-	(Z)	7,627	918	26	56	6,743	177	4
<b>Washington, D.C.....</b>	72	23	7	2	52	7	(Z)	3	874	698	98	56	323	357	33
<b>All other districts....</b>	9,569	(NA)	4,329	721	2,908	1,016	332	263	20,798	(NA)	7,487	1,611	7,208	2,731	797
<b>Special Category.....</b>	482	252	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	11,767	7,398	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)

D Data withheld to avoid disclosure of information for security reasons.

NA Not available.

X Not applicable.

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Table 2. Selected Customs Districts of Unloading by Continent

(Estimated shipments valued under \$251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers. Total columns include a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)						Value (1,000 dollars)					
	Total			North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total		
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	(X)							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	(X)
Total, all carriers..	61,858	(X)	7,765	6,839	33,577	12,919	400	294	317,459	(X)	27,965	9,656
U.S. flag carriers....	(X)	28,409	3,257	3,066	14,742	7,122	158	63	150,705	(X)	11,995	4,214
St. Albans, Vt.....	3	3	1	-	(Z)	2	-	-	20	14	7	-
Boston, Mass.....	1,839	90	32	23	1,747	17	1	19	7,617	4,162	355	60
Buffalo, N.Y.....	96	91	31	-	4	1	(Z)	(Z)	1,100	985	930	60
New York City, N.Y....	29,670	13,988	782	1,840	23,023	3,795	91	139	177,620	75,250	5,121	5,474
Philadelphia, Pa.....	403	278	1	1	392	5	-	3	4,585	3,465	52	1
Baltimore, Md.....	152	114	16	2	133	2	-	-	3,769	1,031	492	9
Savannah, Ga.....	281	254	30	-	26	-	-	-	3,459	3,408	80	23
New Orleans, La.....	296	98	292	(Z)	4	-	-	-	142	6	19	-
Laredo, Tex.....	109	89	109	-	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	353	198	347	5
El Paso, Tex.....	5	5	5	-	(Z)	-	-	-	202	200	198	4
Nogales, Ariz.....	30	25	30	-	-	-	-	-	44	3	44	-
Los Angeles, Calif....	4,283	2,112	324	65	858	2,990	80	9	33,738	15,635	8,707	399
San Francisco, Calif...	3,811	3,016	34	12	212	3,486	64	1	20,588	20,588	8,111	102
Portland, Oreg.....	41	40	5	-	36	-	-	-	233	231	27	-
Seattle, Wash.....	504	392	89	-	96	318	-	(Z)	5,011	3,988	1,429	-
Anchorage, Alaska....	3	(Z)	(Z)	-	3	(Z)	-	-	40	2	2	-
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	147	86	16	-	6	53	72	-	1,755	927	18	-
Great Falls, Mont....	30	10	30	-	-	-	-	-	156	128	156	-
Pembina, N. Dak.....	15	13	15	-	(Z)	-	-	-	151	144	150	-
Minneapolis, Minn....	30	29	4	-	18	7	-	-	319	307	38	-
Detroit, Mich.....	633	540	99	-	-	(Z)	-	-	2	1	1	-
Chicago, Ill.....	2,612	1,116	319	4	502	30	-	1	2,361	866	595	-
Cleveland, Ohio.....	77	14	33	-	1,954	316	3	15	22,401	9,827	5,311	10
St. Louis, Mo.....	10	9	1	-	38	6	-	-	765	75	333	-
San Juan, P.R.....	1,456	273	1,144	199	9	10	-	(Z)	87	78	3	-
Miami, Fla.....	7,945	4,353	3,239	4,454	229	21	-	-	1,891	736	871	259
Houston, Tex.....	158	124	3	3	358	21	(Z)	-	3,582	1,325	33	3
Washington, D.C.....	352	325	31	(Z)	316	4	-	4	2,960	2,811	160	17
All other districts....	62	23	6	(Z)	54	1	88	-	140	35	72	1
Shipments under \$251...	6,756	(NA)	915	234	3,474	1,879	-	103	8,236	(NA)	1,115	286

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